

25 Years of Coastal Zone Management in Massachusetts: some highlights...

1978

Massachusetts becomes the first state on the eastern seaboard to receive federal approval for its coastal zone management plan.

Coastal Zone Management (CZM) begins the Community Assistance Grant programs, which will ultimately award more than \$1 million for port and harbor development and waterfront renewal plans.

CZM organizes 15 local disaster assistance centers to help those affected by the Blizzard of '78.



1980

The Oil Spill Contingency Planning Program is inaugurated and administered by CZM, providing funds for trainings and containment equipment.

To commemorate the Year of the Coast, CZM serves as the statewide clearinghouse for all activities related to public access along the Massachusetts shoreline.



1982

COASTWEEKS, a three-week celebration in every coastal state, is created as a follow up to the Year of the Coast and is modeled after a Wellfleet project.

A status report on polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) pollution in the New Bedford area is released by CZM, leading to the designation of the Acushnet River estuary as a federal Superfund site, ensuring that the PCB contamination gets cleaned up.

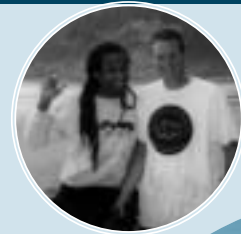


1983

The Legislature formally designates CZM as the lead coastal issues agency within the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA).

Chapter 91 of Massachusetts General Laws is amended to increase the protection of public rights in tidelands, both flowed and filled.

The Coastal Facilities Improvement Program (CFIP) is created. Administered by CZM, the program allocates \$18 million in state bond funds to communities for construction, repair, and maintenance of coastal facilities.



1984

Massachusetts wins a lawsuit to halt oil and gas lease sales on Georges Bank.

1989

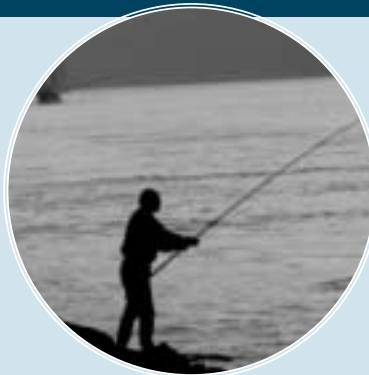
CZM completes the first historical shoreline change digital mapping project for Massachusetts' coastline covering the years 1850-1978.



The Governors of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine sign an agreement with the Premiers of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia pledging to protect the environmental integrity of the Gulf of Maine. The Gulf of Maine Council is established to execute this agreement.

1990

The CZM-administered Massachusetts Bays Program becomes the second National Estuary Program in Massachusetts.



1992

EOEA and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency designate the coastal waters of Wareham as the first No Discharge Area (NDA) in the state.

The Stellwagen Bank area off Massachusetts is designated a national marine sanctuary because of its remarkable biological, geological, oceanographic, and cultural attributes.



1995

CZM produces the *Aquaculture Strategic Plan*, a five-year action plan to encourage growth of the aquaculture industry in Massachusetts.

CZM produces *The Massachusetts Coast Guide: Access to Public Open Spaces Along the Shoreline*, a guide with details on nearly 400 public coastal access sites.



1997

CZM receives federal approval of its Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Plan.

CZM deploys a state-of-the-art monitoring buoy in Mount Hope Bay to continuously monitor dissolved oxygen levels.



1985

The Buzzards Bay Project (administered by CZM) is established as one of the first four National Estuary Programs in the country.

Legislation creating the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority is passed to specifically address the Boston Harbor cleanup project.

1986

CZM collaborates with the National Park Service and the Massachusetts Historical Commission to preserve three historic lighthouses on Cape Cod.

CZM establishes a harbor planning program to coordinate technical and financial assistance to coastal communities for harbor planning.

1987

CZM organizes the first COASTSWEEP cleanup; 391 people from 25 communities participate.

1988

CZM plays a leading role in getting Waquoit Bay designated as the 17th National Estuarine Research Reserve in the country.

1999

Gloucester is the first of the "Four Ports" to complete a Municipal Harbor Plan to revitalize its waterfront.

2001

CZM provides funds to support coastal land acquisition projects in Kingston, Dartmouth, and Rowley.

CZM kicks off the Clean Marine Initiative to provide: cleaner marine engines to municipalities, bilge socks to boat owners, technical assistance to marinas, and pumpout information to the public.

2002

CZM produces *Personal Watercraft (PWC) Management Guide: A Comprehensive Reference Handbook*.

CZM updates shoreline change maps to include 1994 data and, along with MassGIS, produces an interactive web site, making all 76 maps easily accessible to coastal property owners.

CZM leads the effort to complete the *Massachusetts Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan*, developing monitoring and prevention strategies as well as educational efforts.

2003

CZM partners with the Waquoit Bay National Research Reserve and Woods Hole Sea Grant to launch the first NOAA-approved Coastal Training Program in the nation.